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11. (SBU) Liechtenstein: On February 27, acting POL/E Counselor followed up on the request for support for the U.S. UNAT candidate (reflets) with Ambassador Hubert Buechel, COM at the Embassy of Liechtenstein in Bern. Ambassador Buechel expressed understanding for the importance of the matter to the USG, and undertook to obtain a substantive response from Vaduz. Doris Frick, DCM at the Embassy of Liechtenstein in Bern, subsequently contacted acting POL/E Counselor to confirm that Liechtenstein will support U.S. candidate Judge Painter during the upcoming UNAT election.

12. (SBU) Switzerland: On February 27, acting POL/E Counselor followed up on the request for support for the U.S. UNAT candidate (reflets) with Olivier Zehnder, acting Head of the UN Coordination Office of the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA), again urging support for Judge Painter's candidacy. Zehnder collegially but steadfastly responded that he was not able to provide a more committal response than that previously reported.

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